Stitch & Sew
Manual supplement

Thank you purchasing Stitch & Sew, designed especially for the home embroiderer.

This supplemental manual contains information on additions and new features of the version 1.5. The new Stitch & Sew version 1.5 contains numerous exciting new features that have been additionally incorporated since version 1.0.

The brochure you are holding serves as a supplement to the explanations and guidance provided with the three original manual booklets that can be found within this package.

What is more, the new Stitch & Sew is now protected with the use of a USB hardware key.
This results in a differentiated installation procedure in comparison to the installation of the original 1.0 version.

In the following pages you will find instructions on how to successfully install the new Stitch & Sew software along with detailed explanations on all new features.
Please study this supplement along with the rest of manual booklets provided to learn the most about this exciting software product!

Please read the installation instructions carefully.

IMPORTANT: Do not connect the USB key before you are prompted by the installation utility to do so!

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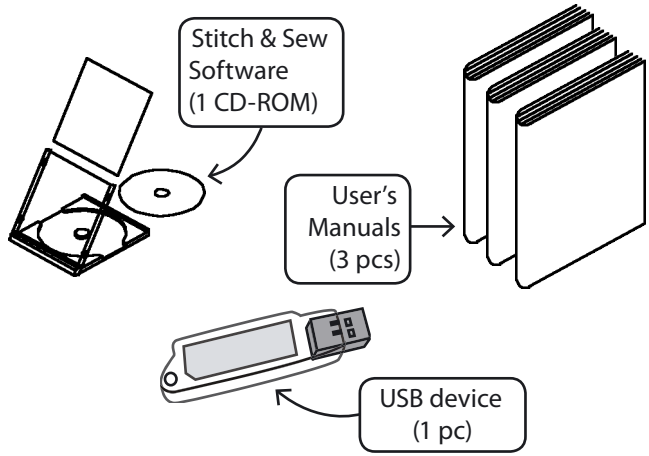
Installation:

Installing the Software

Contents of package – Accessories

Stitch & Sew now is protected with the use of a USB hardware key .

Inside this package you will find the following items:
> One (1) CD-ROM containing the Stitch & Sew software
> Three (3) User's manual booklets for the Stitch & Sew software
> One (1) USB key



Please report immediately to point of purchase, in case any of these is missing from the Stitch & Sew package.

System Requirements

The following is a **list of specifications for your PC** (personal computer).
You can install and use the software on a PC which fulfils at least this specification list.

> PC with PENTIUM II or faster processor
> Windows OS: Windows 95 / 98 / 2000 / ME / XP
> 64MB of RAM (128MB or more recommended)
> CD-ROM drive
> 500 MB (or more recommended) of available hard-disk space for installation
> Color standard (640X480 pixels, 16colors) VGA adapter connected with a color VGA monitor (1024x768 pixel; 65,000 colors recommended)
> Microsoft compatible mouse

Installation of the software

In order to start using the software you have to first install the contents of the CD to your PC. This procedure is referred to as **"installation procedure". Please follow the below listed instructions in order to successfully install Stitch & Sew on your personal computer.**

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The Stitch & Sew software comes on a CD-ROM disc.
In most personal computers the default drive setting for a CD-ROM drive is "D:"

1. Please insert the Stitch & Sew CD-ROM into the CD-ROM disc receiver in your PC. After some seconds, the Installation procedure of the software will start automatically.
If this does not occur after a short while, you can run the installation procedure manually by going to the "Start" option of Windows, select "Run", type "D:\SNSSetup.exe" and click on OK.

2. In the window shown below select the "Required Components" option.

SNS Setup
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1
Required Components
Install additional components required for the application and main setup to function properly. This procedure might need to reboot your computer.
2
Main Application
Install and configure the main embroidery application. Your hardware key must be connected to proceed.
Check for Card
Exit

This is required to install the special drivers for the USB key, it will only be required the first time you will install the software.
(Again, please note not to attach the USB key before prompted by the software to do so!)

Note

The required components will not be required to be installed again after first time of installation.

3. After checking and installing the required components, a message prompting you to insert your USB key will come up.

Now, attach the USB key that came with the software to the USB port of the PC and press "OK".

Note

Attention:
In case of problems proceeding with the next step, please press the "Check for Card" button after having been prompted to attach the key. The program will look for the successfully and it will show its serial number as soon as it is found.

4. After the required components (USB driver) have been successfully installed, the “Main Application” option will be made active and you are now ready to proceed to the next step with the installation of the main application.

SNS Setup
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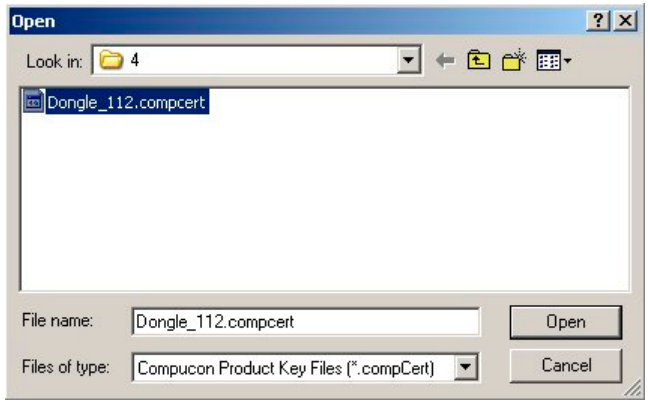
1
Required Components
Install additional components required for the application and main setup to function properly. This procedure might need to reboot your computer.
2
Main Application
Install and configure the main embroidery application. Your hardware key must be connected to proceed.
Serial Number: 112
Check for Card
Exit

Click on the “Main Application” option to proceed.

5. At this stage you are requested to insert the Product key.
This is provided to you in a file, to be sent to you via e-mail.
In cases where no e-mail address is available the key is provided in an extra CD-ROM.

At this stage, a screen like the one shown below will come up, prompting you to insert the product key.

6. The easiest way to insert is to click on “Browse”. The following window will allow you to browse for the product key file (that had either been sent to you by e-mail or on a separate CD).



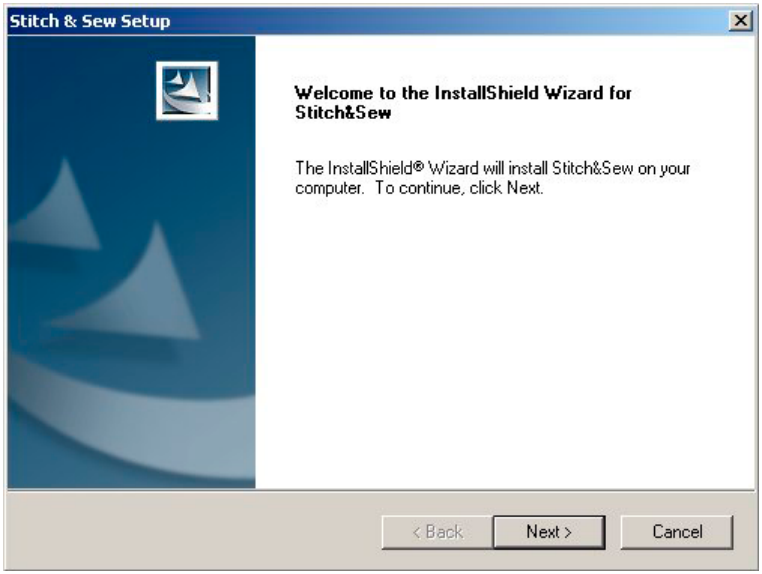
Note

The usual name for this type of file will be the term “Dongle_” followed by the serial number of your USB key and the extension compcert.

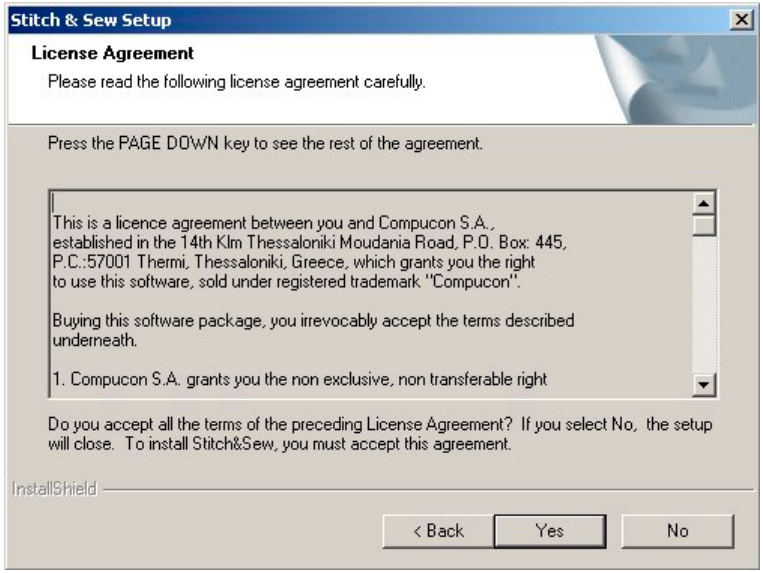
7. Browse to the folder where you saved the product key file, select it and press the “Open” button. The required fields will automatically fill with the product key number.

If the information provided is correct the installation procedure will move forward by pressing the “OK” button.

8. You are now ready to install the Stitch & Sew software.
Click on “Next” to continue.


Stitch & Sew Setup
Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for Stitch&Sew
The InstallShield® Wizard will install Stitch&Sew on your computer. To continue, click Next.
< Back
Next >
Cancel

9. After reading and agreeing with the terms given in the License Agreement, please click on “Yes”.


Stitch & Sew Setup
License Agreement
Please read the following license agreement carefully.
Press the PAGE DOWN key to see the rest of the agreement.
This is a licence agreement between you and Compucon S.A.,
established in the 14th Klm Thessaloniki Moudania Road, P.O. Box: 445,
P.C.:57001 Thermi, Thessaloniki, Greece, which grants you the right
to use this software, sold under registered trademark "Compucon".
Buying this software package, you irrevocably accept the terms described
underneath.
1. Compucon S.A. grants you the non exclusive, non transferable right
Do you accept all the terms of the preceding License Agreement? If you select No, the setup
will close. To install Stitch&Sew, you must accept this agreement.
InstallShield
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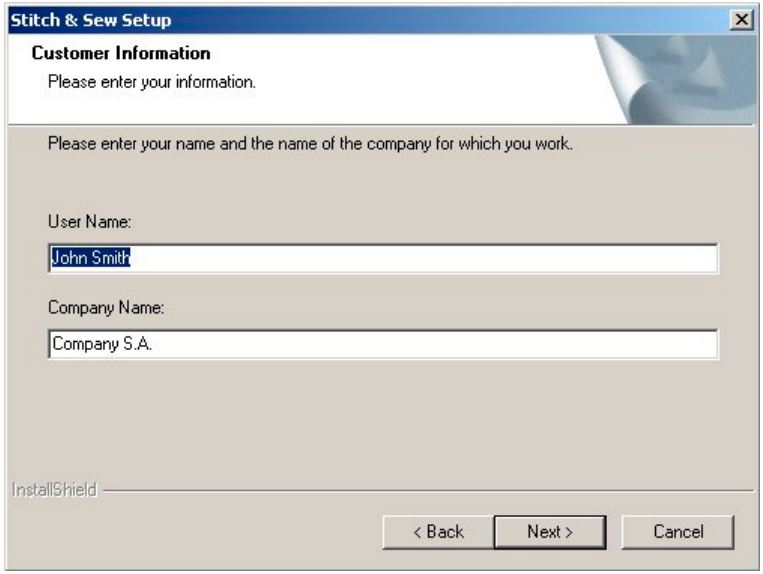
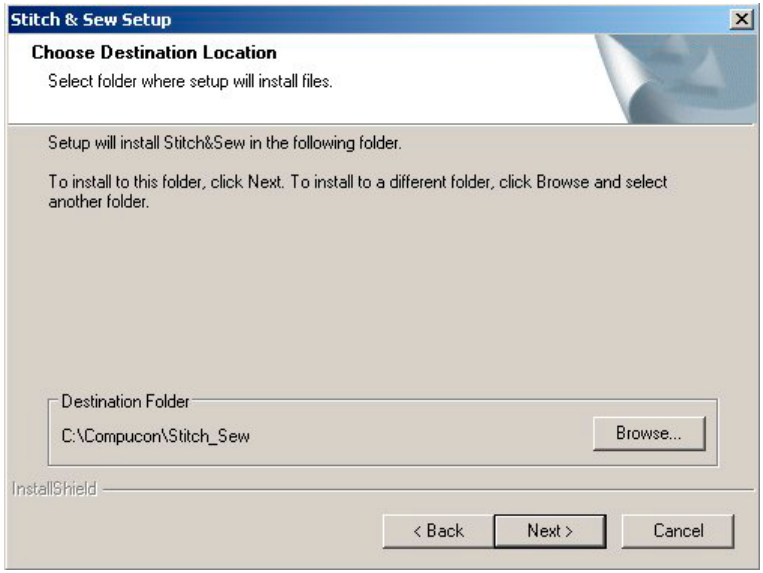
Yes
No

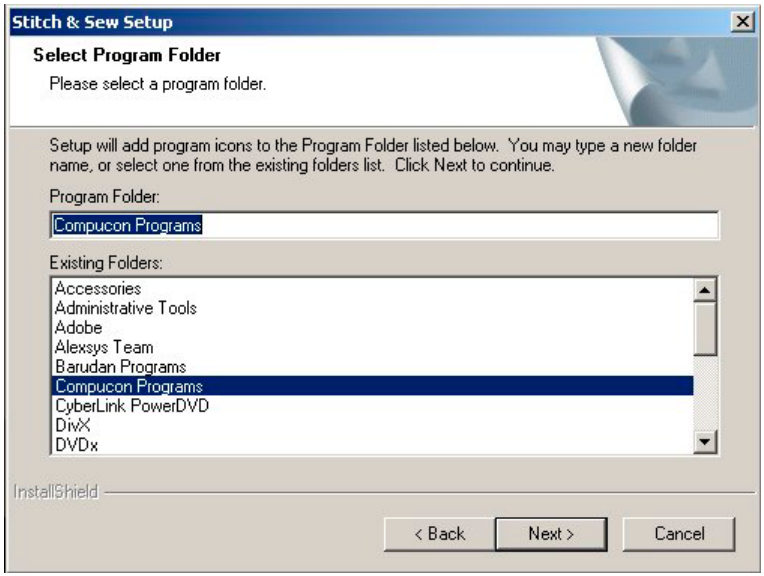
10. Now define your User Name and Company Name (if there is no "Company Name", insert any character).



11. Click on “Next”, and then select the directory where the software should be installed. **It would be recommended to use the default selected directory: C:\Compucon\Stitch_Sew.**

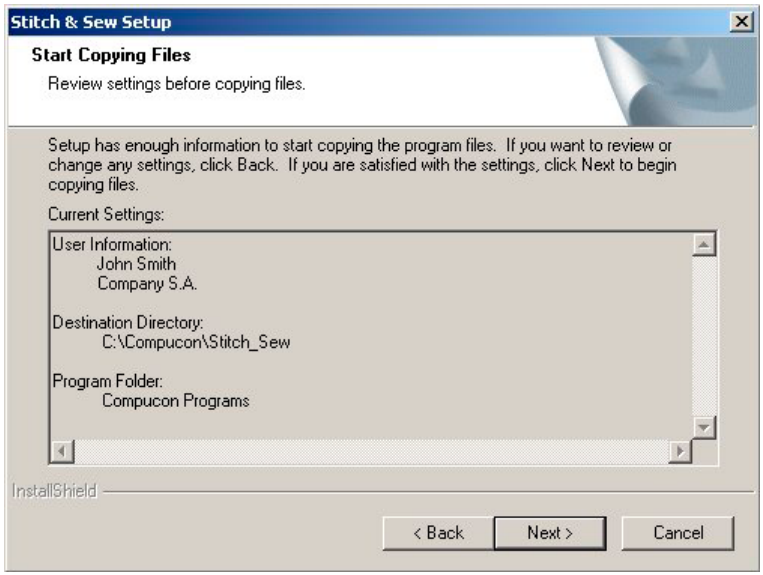

Stitch & Sew Setup
Choose Destination Location
Select folder where setup will install files.
Setup will install Stitch&Sew in the following folder.
To install to this folder, click Next. To install to a different folder, click Browse and select another folder.
Destination Folder
C:\Compucon\Stitch_Sew
Browse...
InstallShield
< Back
Next >
Cancel

12. Now you are prompted to select the Program Folder where the shortcut for the software will be stored.



Simply click on “Next” to continue.

13. Finally, you are requested to confirm all the selections made during the installation setup.


Stitch & Sew Setup
Start Copying Files
Review settings before copying files.
Setup has enough information to start copying the program files. If you want to review or change any settings, click Back. If you are satisfied with the settings, click Next to begin copying files.
Current Settings:
User Information:
John Smith
Company S.A.
Destination Directory:
C:\Compucon\Stitch_Sew
Program Folder:
Compucon Programs
InstallShield
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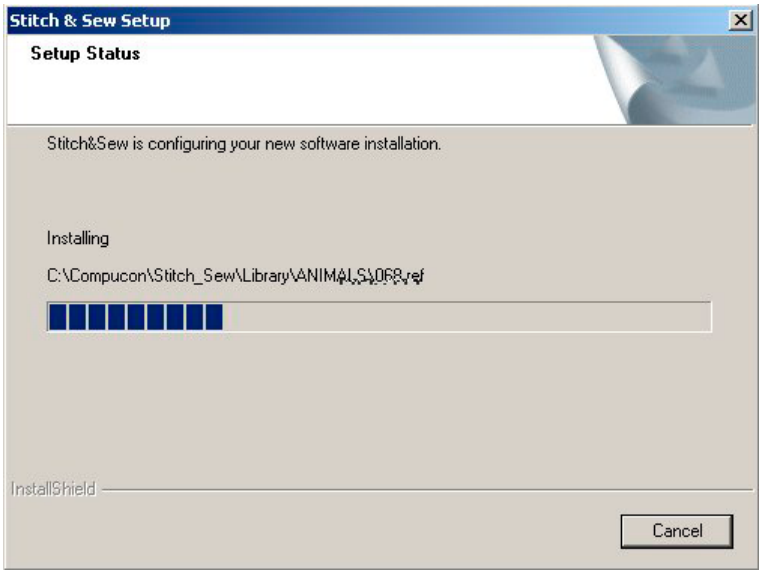
Next >
Cancel

Pressing the **"Next"** button will finally **start the copy and installation of the Stitch & Sew software files** to the given directory on the hard disk.

A **progress bar** will indicate the stage at which the installation procedure is. It will finish when it has reached 100%.


Stitch & Sew Setup
Setup Status
Stitch&Sew is configuring your new software installation.
Installing
C:\Compucon\Stitch_Sew\Library\ANIMALS\068.ref
InstallShield
Cancel

As a last step, and while the installation procedure is finalizing, you are prompted to register your product by completing the registration form shown below and send it to Compucon by pressing the “Send to Compucon” button.
If you do not wish to register Stitch & Sew at this time you can press “Close” and register some other time.

If the installation utility identifies a **lack of available space on your hard disk**, an **error message** will prompt you to free some hard disk space before proceeding with the installation.
You can always abort the installation procedure by clicking on **“Cancel”.**

Tip!
If for any reason you would like to uninstall the software, select from “Start” -> “Settings” -> “Control Panel” -> “Add/Remove Programs” icon. From the appearing window scroll down until you find the Stitch & Sew selection and click on the “Add/Remove” button.

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Installation:
Installing the software

New features and functions

Some exciting new features have been added to Stitch & Sew. This booklet covers (only) the topics not discussed in the initial manuals. Each topic makes reference to sections in the original manual where details and relevant information exists.

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New features and functions:

Additional Read & Write Formats

Following is a list of available formats that can be *read* into Stitch & Sew:

See "Inside Open Designs" for detailed information about reading formats.

Format	Extension
Compucon Home Embroidery Designs	.CHE
Compucon Designs	.XXX
Compucon Designs	.REF
Barudan FDR	.FDR
Brother Bernina-Babylock	.PEC
Brother Bernina-Babylock	.PES
Happy	.TAP
Husqvarna Viking	.HUS
Husqvarna Viking	.SHV
Janome	.JEF
Janome	.SEW
Melco Designs	.EXP
Tajima	.DST
Pfaff	.PCS
Pfaff	.VIP
*All Files	*.*

Following is a list of available formats that can be *written* from Stitch & Sew:

Format	Extension
Compucon Home Embroidery	.CHE
Compucon Designs	.XXX
Barudan Fdr	.FDR
Brother-Bernina-Babylock	.PEC
Brother-Bernina-Babylock	.PES
Galaxy PES	.PES
Husqvarna Viking	.HUS
Janome	.JEF
Janome	.SEW
Melco Design	.EXP
Tajima	.DST
Pfaff	.PCS

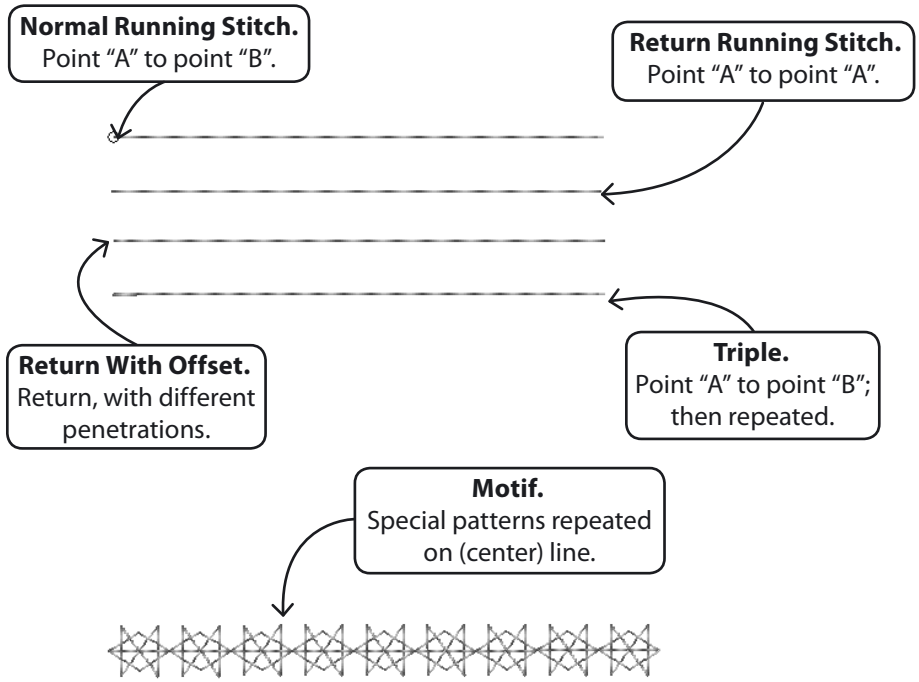
Freeform Extras
There are some exciting new features available for Freeform tool:

> Additional Running Stitch (fill method) stitch types.
> New Appliqué fill method.
> Normal Fill- Degrade Density option.
> Normal Fill- Automatic Outline- either Running Stitch or Satin Line.
> Normal Fill- Additional stitch types. Patterns & lace!

Note

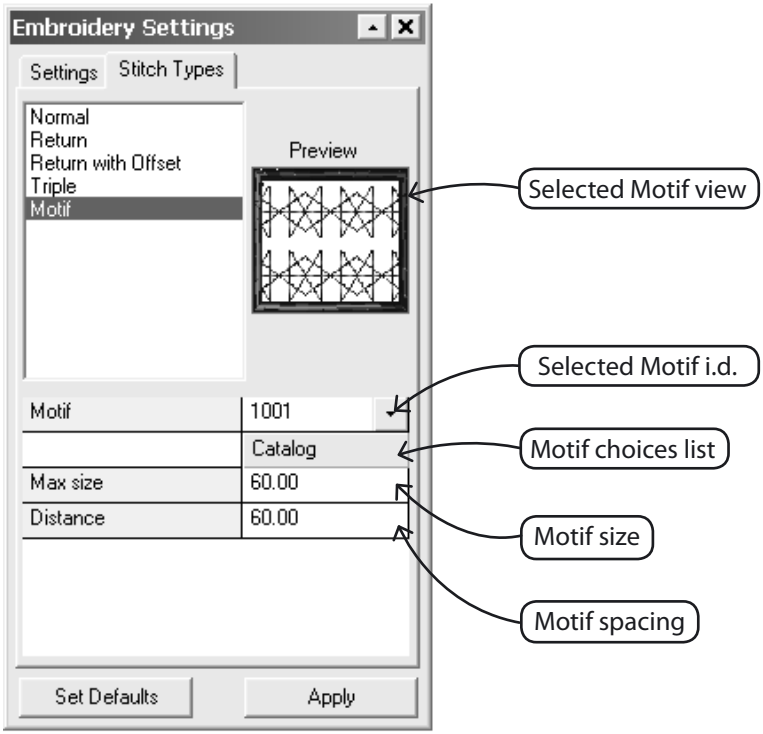
See "Inside Freeform" for more details.

Freeform's Running Stitch - New Stitch Types
There are occasions when more is needed than a "plain" run stitch. For example, if you need to travel out and then back in the same path, "Return" handles it in one step.



Running Stitch Embroidery Settings

The "Normal" (default) stitch type for Running Stitch has but one setting- the length of the run stitch. "Motif" has more options. Just look at the catalogue of Motif patterns and choose one that fits the needs of your border or design element.



Note

See Inside Embroidery Settings for details.

Freeform's Appliqué Fill Method

Appliqué automatically places a running stitch "guide" and STOP code (for placement of fabric); tacks the fabric; and then places a satin line around the Freeform block. All these processes with only one outline!

> **Note**
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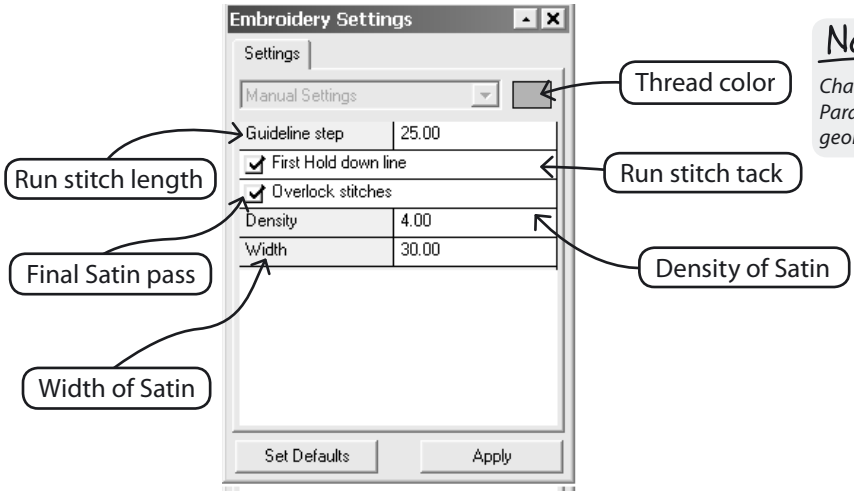
> *See "Freeform Fill Methods" for more details.*



> **Note**
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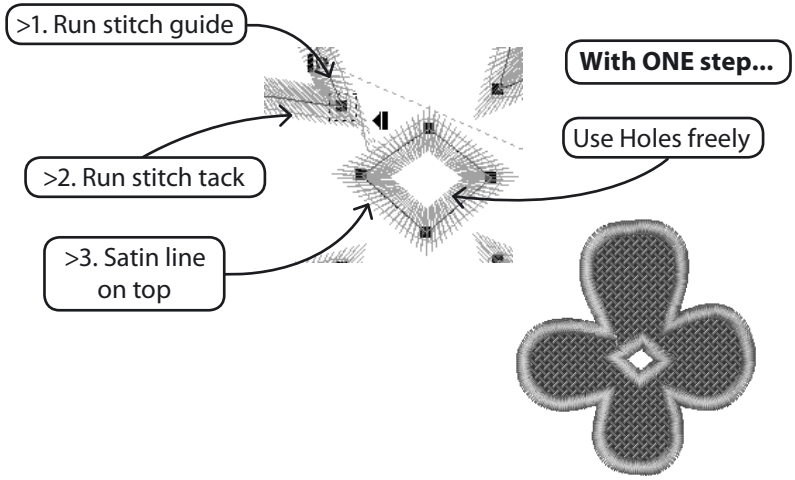
> *Change Appliqué color in System Parameters. Also, use Appliqué with geometric Shapes, too!*



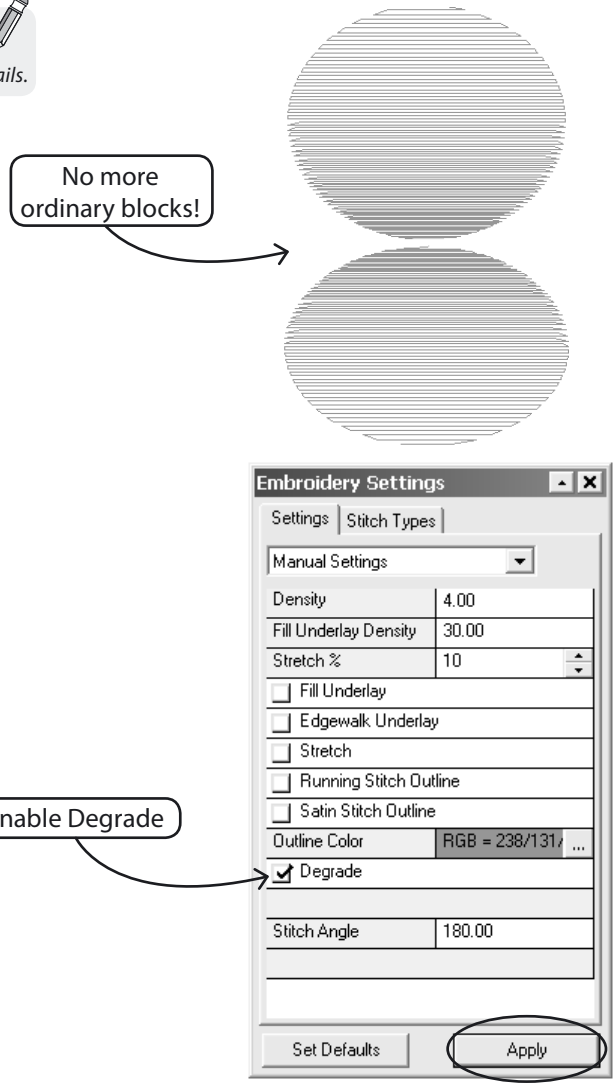
New features and functions:

Freeform's Normal Fill - Degrade Density

Add sophistication and excitement to an ordinary block by changing the density gradually, and, *automatically*! Simply enable "Degrade" in Embroidery Settings box.

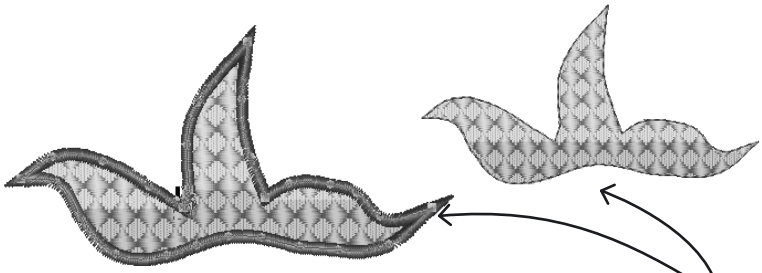
Note

See Inside Embroidery Settings for details.



Freeform's Normal Fill - Automatic Outline

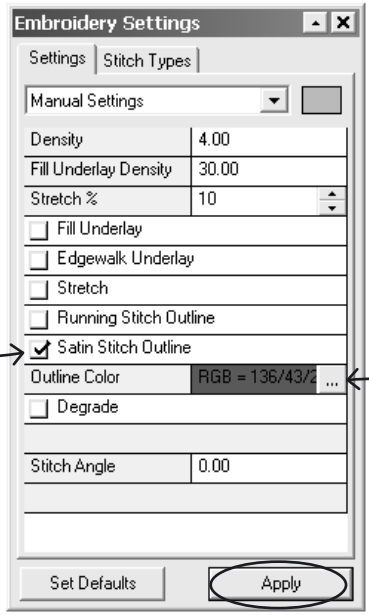
Add an outline, either Running Stitch or Satin Line, *automatically*! Simply enable (Satin or Running Stitch) "Outline" in Embroidery Settings box.



With one input (block), choose Satin or Run stitch.

Note

See Inside Embroidery Settings for details.



Enable outline

Change outline color

New features and functions:

Freeform's Normal Fill- Pattern, Elastic and Motif Stitch Types

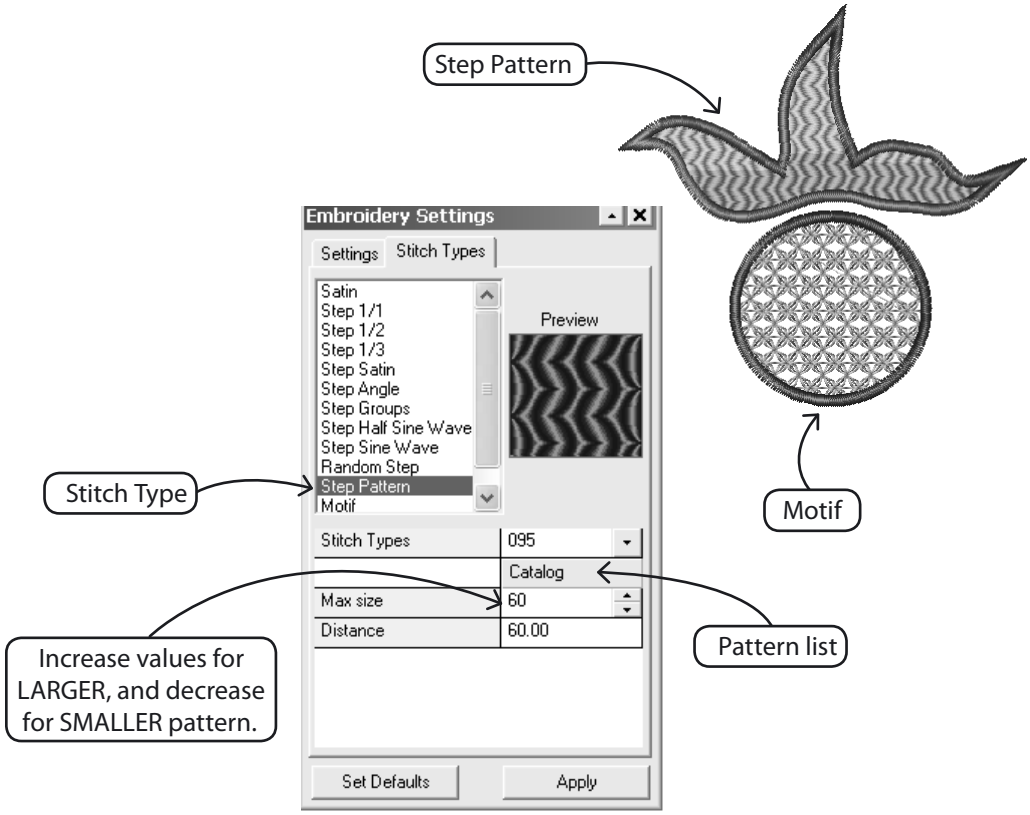
These are stitch types that have repeated patterns. Step Pattern and Elastic are like "carved" shapes inside a block. Motif has "lacy" elements that typically leave the background showing.
Step Pattern can be found in the following: Freeform & Shapes/ Normal Fill; Column/ Normal Fill. Motif can be found: Freeform & Shapes/ Normal Fill & Running Stitch.

Note

See Inside Stitch Types for details.

Use Stitch Types

To use these stitch types, choose one from the Stitch Types list. Then, click on "Catalog" and choose a pattern or motif from the list. Click "Apply" and the pattern will be generated in the block.



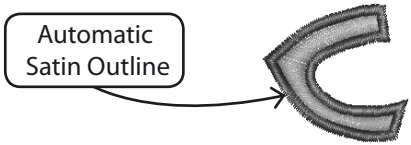
Column Extras

There are some exciting new features available for Column tool:

> Outline Block
> Jagged Edge

Note

See Automatic Outline for Freeform blocks (above). Methods are identical.

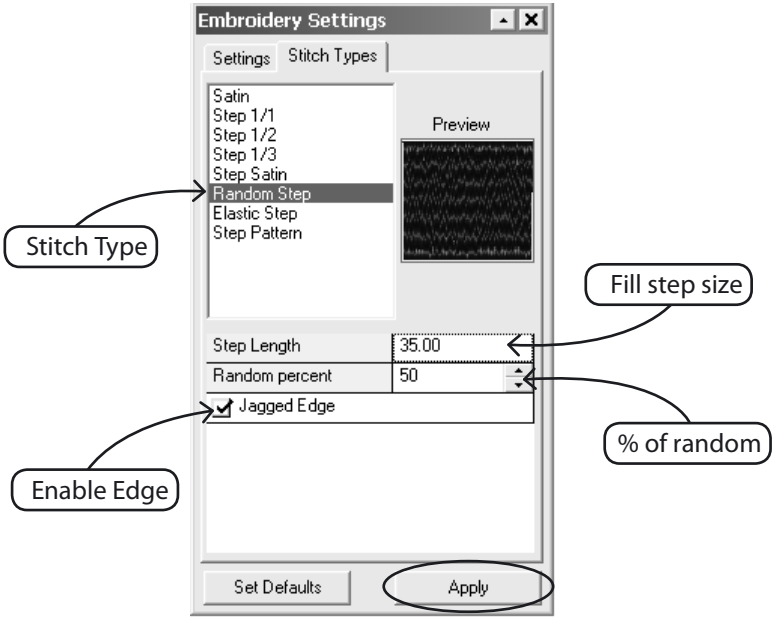


Use Random Stitch Type

Activate jagged edges for Satin or Random Step stitch types.

Note

See Inside Stitch Types for more detail.



Draw Package

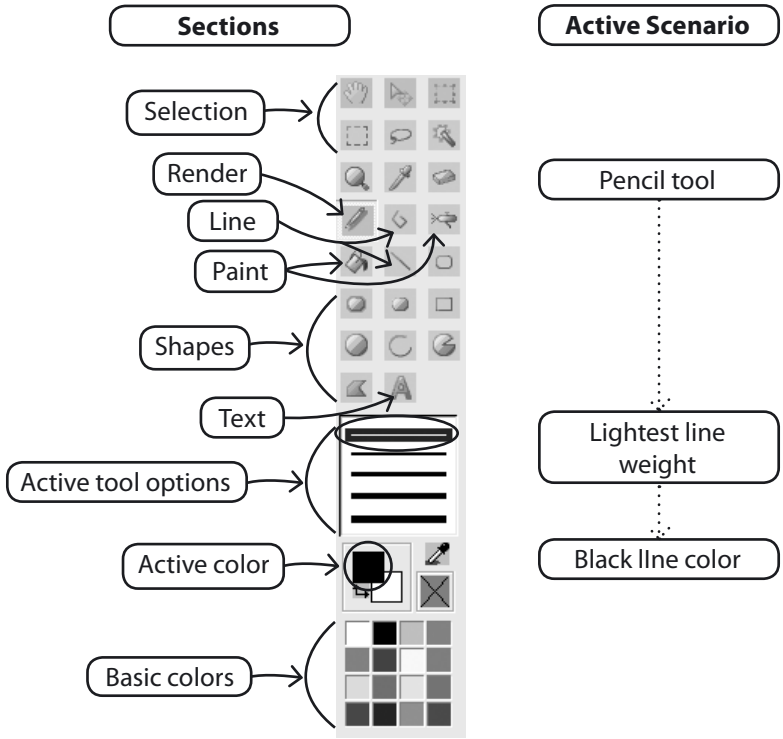
Stitch & Sew has a bitmap drawing package on-board. Create new drawings and modify existing images to be used for embroidery.

Use Draw Package

Choose “New Bitmap” in the Create drop-down menu. You will be directed to the Draw Package screen after approving or setting the size for the drawing.

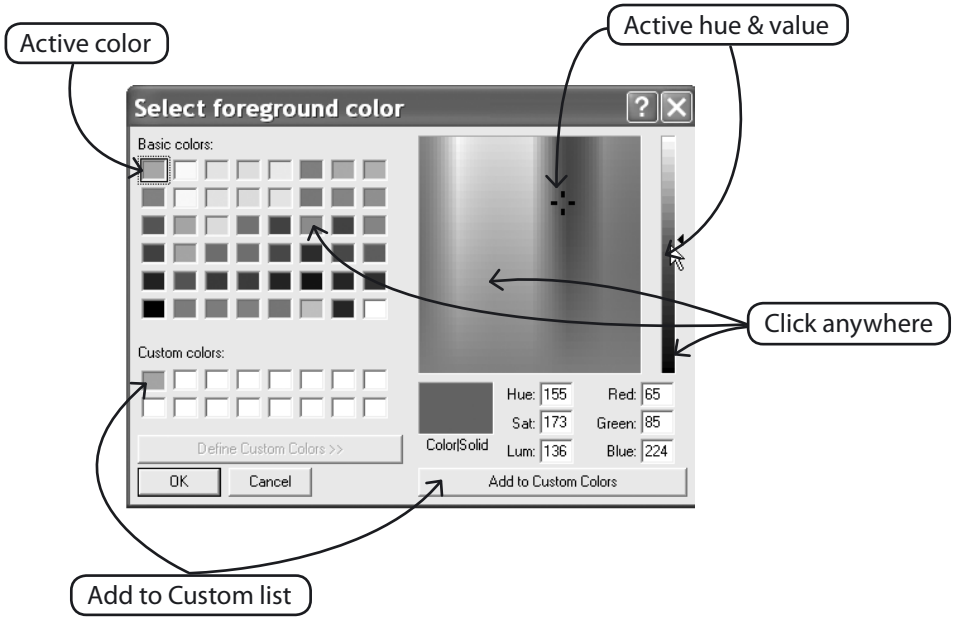
Main Tool Bar

The tool bar has different sections for drawing needs. Just click on a tool, and draw in the white box.



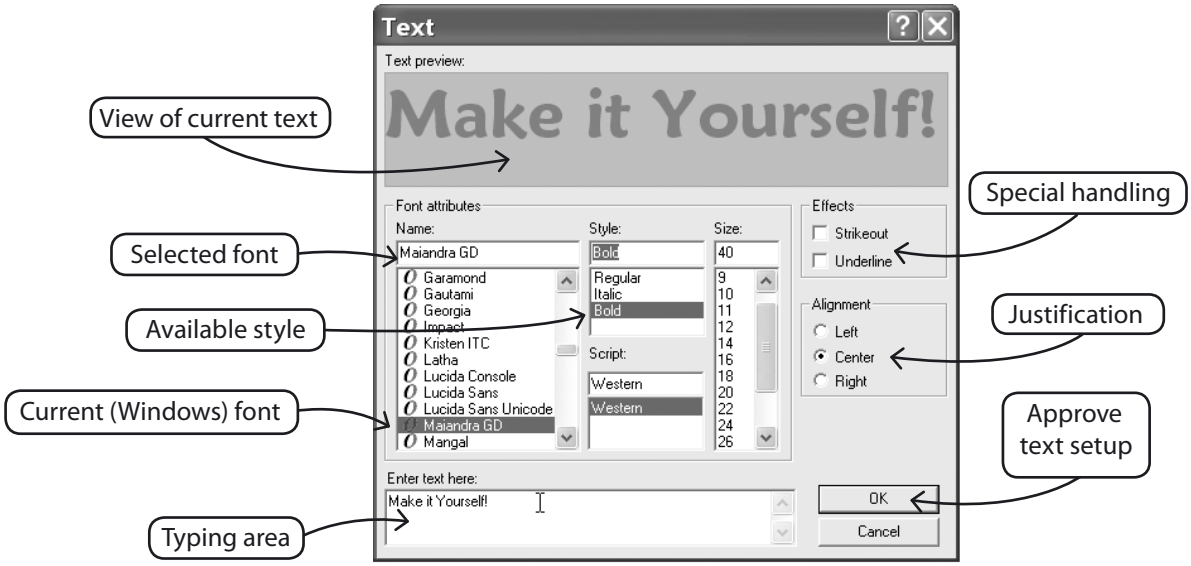
Change Color

Whether you are about to use a drawing, painting, or text tool, you may need to establish a color for drawing. If there isn't a color in the basic color blocks, double-click the foreground (front) color to open the color palette. Choose a color and value, and save as a Custom color if desired.



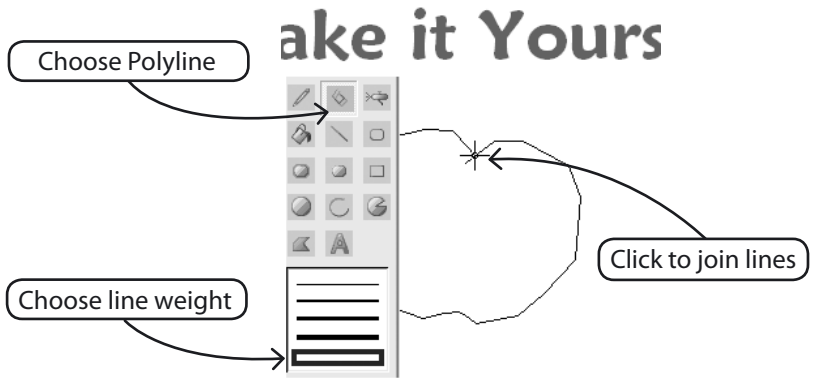
Create Text

If there is lettering in your logo, create it with the Draw Package. Simply click on the Text icon and follow the dialogue box.



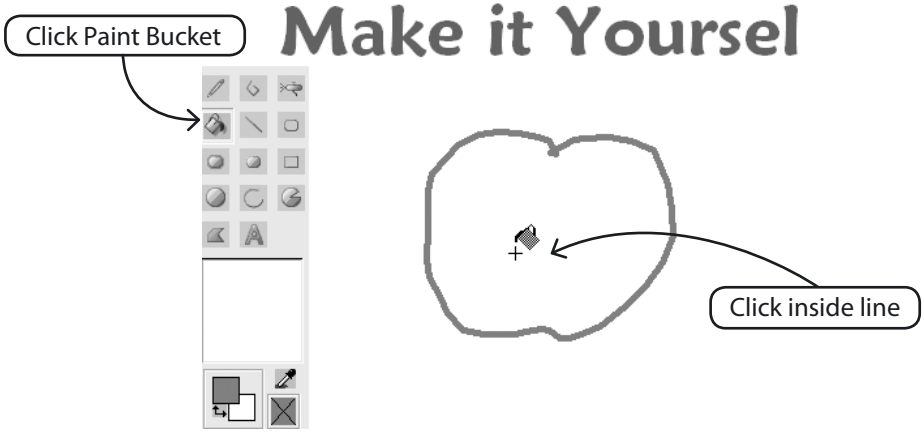
Draw With Polyline

There is a Pencil and Polyline tool for freehand drawing. Use the Polyline like digitizing with left clicks at short distances (for curves). Simply right-click to complete the line.



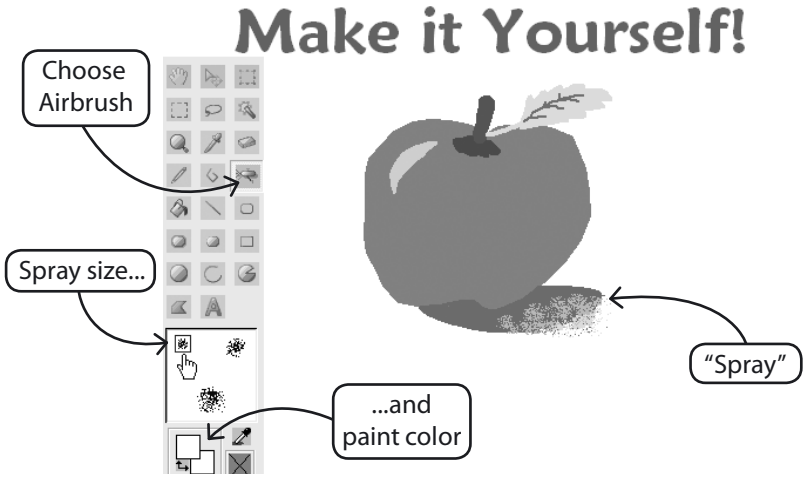
Fill With Color

If you close a line, it can be filled with color using the Paint Bucket.
Also, make geometric shapes with the different tools.



Continue Drawing

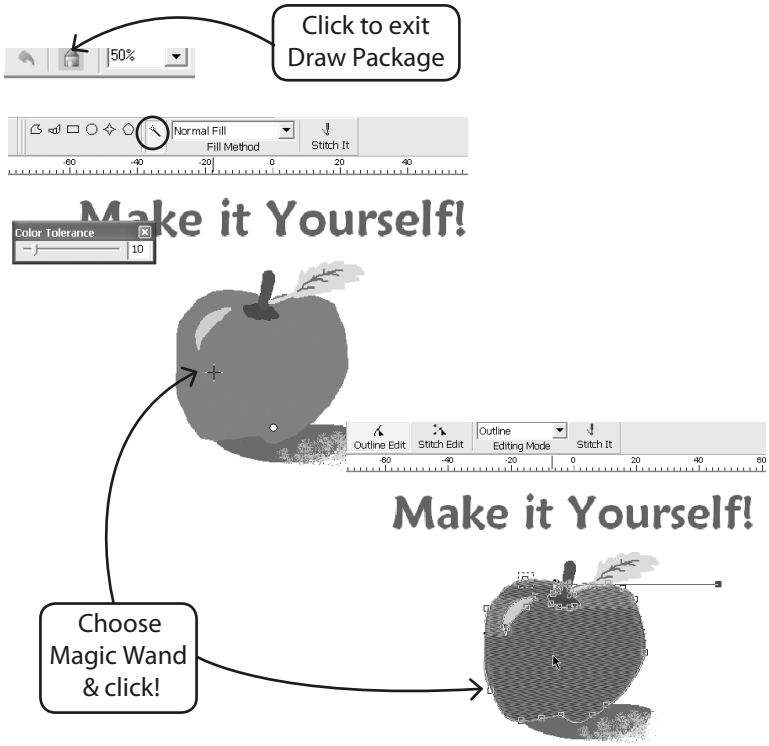
Use all the different tools and have fun making a new drawing.
Use the Airbrush to add sophistication.



New features and functions:

Use New Drawing

Exit the Draw Package and create embroidery in Stitch & Sew. Use Magic Wand to make easy work of it.



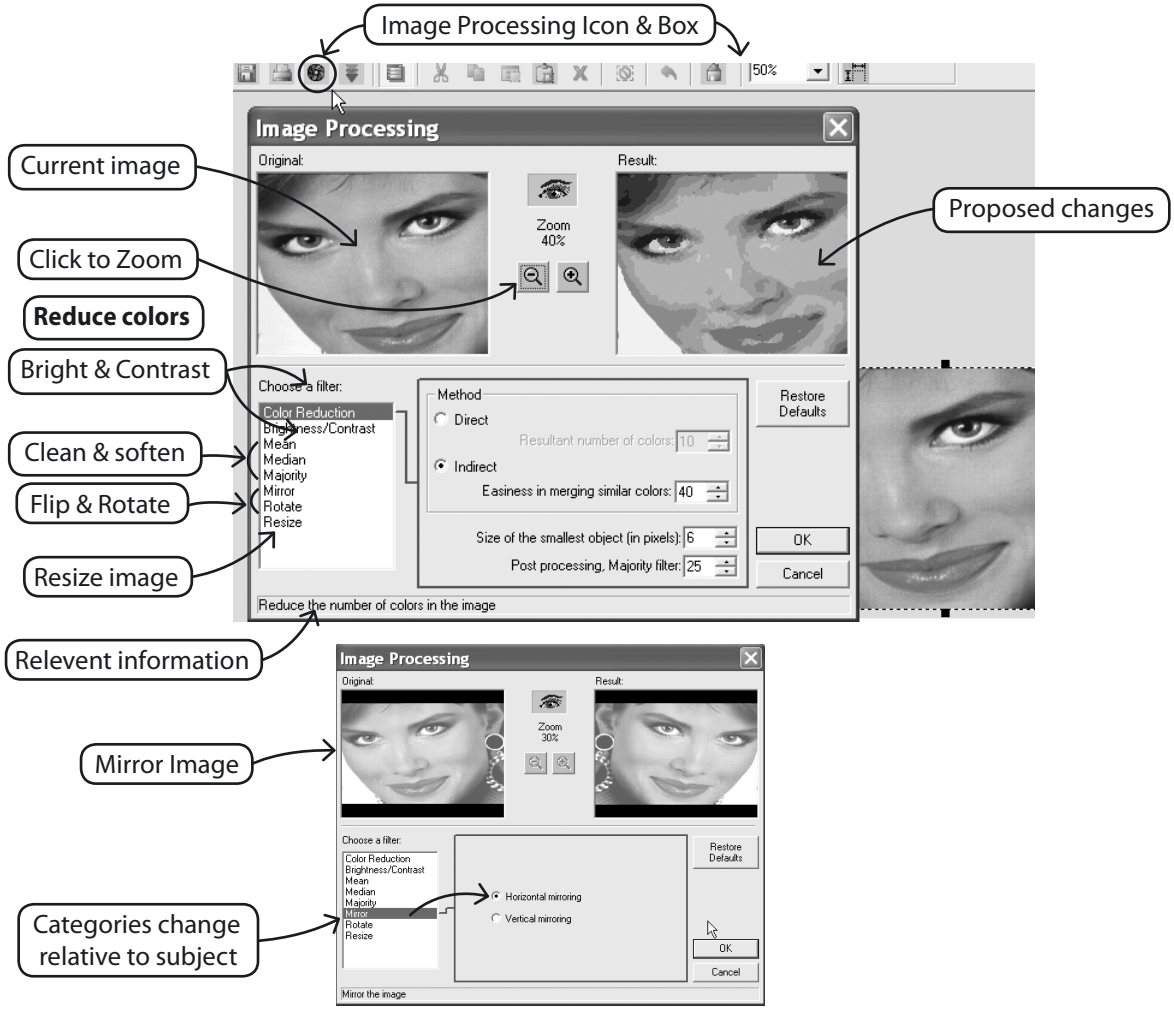
Modify Existing Images

The Draw Package has a sophisticated Image Processor to enhance images. For example, most images need to have “Brightness & Contrast” adjusted to be a good candidate for PhotoStitch.

Import Image and Open Draw Package

Choose "Import Image" from the Create drop-down menu.
Then choose "Draw Package". Click on the Image Processing icon and choose from a variety of options.

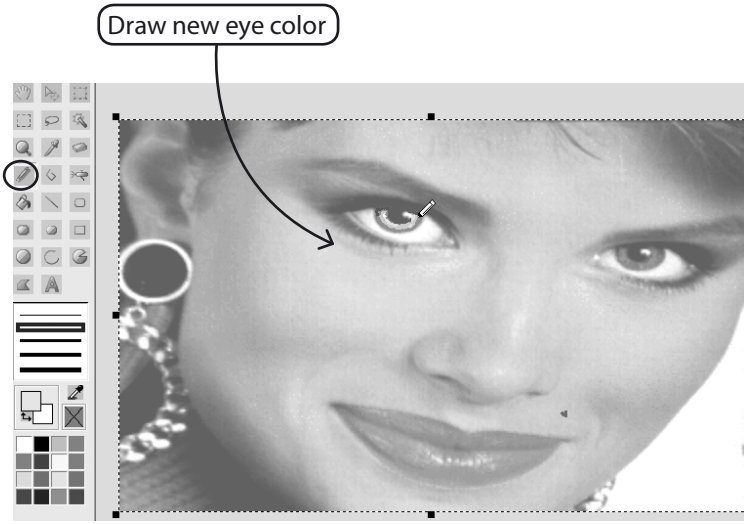
EXPERIMENT for desired results.



New features and functions:

Draw on Image, too

Have you ever had the irresistible urge to paint a moustache on your friend? Now's your chance. Use any of the drawing tools to further enhance the image.



Enhancing images for PhotoStitch helps to make better quality. For example, draw darker nostrils; thicker eyelashes, lips, and brows; add or erase hair... "Bolder is better" for PhotoStitch!

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New features and functions:

My Notes

English (US)

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